

Industry Questions Part 2-ETIS II NNG13451194R:

1. *L.14 (3), Subfactor A, p. 93-* In the scenario provided in L.14 (3), it states that the finished product is a fully integrated flight qualified spacecraft ready for delivery to the launch site. Is the contractor required to prepare the spacecraft for packaging and delivery to the launch site?

Original Response: Yes. The contractor is required to provide the necessary skilled manpower to assist the project in the packaging, handling, delivery, and launch site readiness operations.

Changed response: After looking at this question further for purposes of the scenario the contractor is NOT required to provide the necessary skilled manpower to assist the project in the packaging, handling, delivery, and launch site readiness operations.

2. L.14.3 Mission Suitability Instructions by Subfactor – Scenario. We have concluded from the scenario description that the task begins with a fully integrated and environmentally tested instrument and a fully integrated spacecraft bus. Please confirm.

Response: Yes that is correct.

3. *L.14.3 Subfactor C Small Business Utilization (SBU), pg. 97* Please clarify that Small Businesses, for purposes of the Subfactor C requirement, are those companies that are below the threshold defined by the NAICS Code 541330 with a size standard of \$14M.

Response: Yes in accordance with the Small Business Administration the NAICS Code 541330 size standard of \$14M is “the largest that a concern can be and still qualify as a small business for Federal Government Programs”.

4. Attachment A, p. 9 Section 1.1.4.2 of the SOW indicates that Mechanical Integration services include “transportation to the launch site and pre-flight and post-flight operations at the launch site.” Should we assume that the launch site is local (i.e., Wallops) or remote (i.e., KSC)?

Response: Historically KSC has been the launch site destination; however we must be able to support a launch at any required location.

5. SOW section 1.1.5 implies that we will perform certification of Lifting Devices and Equipment (LDE) operators at NSBF and PFRR but NOT at GSFC. Would the Government please confirm?

Response: The SOW has been updated to clarify this and will reflect this change in the Final RFP. Certification of LDE/PVS operators includes GSFC.

6. Is there an existing IT application or tool for performing the administrative aspects of this SOW element? This includes but is not limited to: candidate recall, scheduling, coordinating training facilities, correspondence, issuing licenses, and record keeping.

Response: Yes there is a software application available.

7. L.14 a(7) Draft RFP page 98 states: “In addition to submitting a Small Business Subcontracting Plan in accordance with the Section I FAR clause 52.219-9--Alternate II, offeror’s shall complete Exhibit 13, SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN GOALS, which provides a breakdown of the offeror’s proposed goals, by small business category, expressed in terms of both a percent of the \$250M IDIQ MAXIMUM ORDERING VALUE and a percent of TOTAL PLANNED SUBCONTRACTS. Offerors shall show the proposed subcontracting goals for the basic contract requirement and each option separately.” Also note that the example table provided in draft RFP pages 98 and 99 requires dollar values (based on the maximum IDIQ value) in addition to percentages.

Since small business subcontracting goals are required to be stated as a percent of the \$250M IDIQ maximum ordering value rather than the Offeror’s proposed total contract cost how will the Government evaluate the successful Offeror’s small business attainment during contract performance if the contract doesn’t grow to the maximum IDIQ value?

Response: On Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) award fee type contracts, the Government evaluates progress on contract subcontracting goals for each performance evaluation period. Under each performance period, the Government looks for progress on subcontracting goals consistent with the phasing of the work and obligations and evaluates accordingly.

8. B.1 Supplies and/or Services- Item 3 refers to Monthly Progress Reports and includes a reference to Attachment C - Financial Management Reporting Requirements. Please confirm the NASA 533 is only to be submitted Monthly and Quarterly in compliance with Item 5 - NASA Financial Management Reports.

Response: Yes the NASA 533 reports should be submitted monthly and quarterly.

9. Attachment A-third paragraph from the bottom of page 31.calls out a certification and qualifications report due 15 days after contract start (then March 1 and September 1 thereafter). Should this be added to RFP B.1 table of supplies/services to be delivered.

Response: This will be updated at Final RFP.